

Meeting Summary



CITY OF TEMPE 13TH STREET BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Neighborhood Meeting

July 30, 2003 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Holdeman Elementary School
Tempe, Arizona

Participants:

Oscar P. Alvarez
Pat Koppen
Ginny Sandstedt
Bob Sandstedt
Charles & Mary Bent
Linda Knutson
Sally Wittlinger
Ruth E. Klineberg
Roy Hoyt
Harley Lever

Lloyd & Gen Williams
David G. Munn
Frances Munn
Tony & Gail Natale
Douglas Darlinger
Jenny Lucier
Kathy Ehrhardt

City of Tempe and Consultant Staff:

Kent Clayton, City of Tempe
Joe Wise, City of Tempe
Gary Davis, City of Tempe

Cliff Williams, CWC Engineering
Steve Arthur, Archon
Teresa Makinen, LL Decker & Associates

Facilitation & Summary by: Teresa Makinen

Sign-in

Those attending the neighborhood meeting were asked to sign in and complete a name badge. Refreshments were provided.

They were asked to look at several photos from the 5th Street Improvement project to give them a flavor of some of the improvements to 13th Street. In addition, the plans for the project were available for them to look at with the engineers to determine the impact, if any, to their property. They were also asked to complete a card with any questions, which would be answered during the presentation.

Opening Comments

Gary Davis welcomed everyone, provided brief introductions of City and contractor staff, and a brief history of the project. He then introduced Kent Clayton, Project Manager for the project.

Project Information

Kent Clayton, City of Tempe Project Manager for the project, provided information on the project and the partnering session, which occurred earlier in the day. His presentation included the following information:

- The notice to proceed is scheduled for August 11th.
- An important aspect of this project is maintaining pedestrian and vehicular access.
- The neighbors will see Kent or Cliff Williams out on the project a lot of the time.
- A hotline number has been established, or call Kent directly.
- Length of the project is 180 days.
- Flyers will be mailed out with project progress about every 6-8 weeks.
- They will do a field walk next week to assess the landscaping and get with the homeowners/property owners.
- Don't want to tear out major landscaping if we can help it.
- The blacktop is not coming out and going back in. The City has planned a resurfacing and slurry seal project for that, for next year.
- Jenny Lucier will work with the City as a liaison – another point of contact.
- There will be an updated schedule every couple of weeks.
- There is a project scheduled to be going on concurrently with this one. In the area between Mill and Ash, we're replacing the waterline there. There will be coordination between the contractors.
- The contract term for the waterline project is 60 days.
- Would like to mention that West of Hardy on 13th they'll be doing slurry seal, and they'll add a bike lane in there, so the center turn lane will be going away.
- There are two advantages for the residents for this project: 1) the drainage will be much better; and 2) the streets much safer.

Questions from the Participants Regarding the Project

Twenty individuals from the surrounding area participated in this meeting. The following comments or questions were made regarding the presentations. Responses to questions provided by City or contractor staff are indicated with an (A) preceding the response:

- ▲ How is this project being funded? A – A federal grant for \$705,000, above that is CIP money.
- ▲ How many speed humps will there be? A – None. There will be speed tables at the intersections, three of these.
- ▲ What is the estimated total cost of the project? A - \$606,000
- ▲ Are the “campus” walls going to be removed on the South side of Wilson and 11th? A – No, but they just got a grant to refurbish those.
- ▲ Are the curbs vertical? A – All are vertical. But one stretch on the north side of the railroad that sidewalk and rolled curb will remain. We’re working with the railroad.
- ▲ Will you be closing the street? A – No, we will not and any closures require 48 hour notice. The contractor is required to keep one lane in each direction open.
- ▲ My phone line is overhead, am I responsible for contacting the phone company? A – The different utilities are responsible for taking their lines, that’s part of our coordination with the utility companies. Most cable is fed through the alley.
- ▲ What about irrigation? A – We’ll work with that schedule so we don’t have any stoppages.
- ▲ Who will take care of landscaping? A –During the project, the contractor is responsible for landscaping, then the City.
- ▲ What about high-pressure gas lines, where do they run? What precautions are we taking to avoid potential hazards? A – El Paso Gas isn’t using their lines there. Southwest Gas does have lines. As far as safety, the contractor will pothole (dig by hand) to locate those gas lines. Any possible conflicts will be done digging by hands. All the different colored paints in the street, marked clearly is the yellow for gas. However, if you’re doing your own project on your property, please call the Blue Stake Center, which is a free service, to mark underground utilities.
- ▲ Will there be a bike lane? A – Yes, on both sides.
- ▲ What is the timeline? A – We had the partnering session earlier today, so we’re now working out the schedule. We’d truly like to finish in less than 180 days.
- ▲ What about keeping a sign for bicyclists? A – We’re going to put a sheet of paper at the ends of the project for bicyclists.
- ▲ Will anyone be out of water? A – May be a temporary interruption, but you’ll be notified. This will increase the water pressure and service to the area.
- ▲ What is the start and end time for workers? A – They can pour concrete at 5 AM until October, then 6 AM. But, for heavy equipment, it’s 6 AM, then in October goes to 7 AM. 7 PM is the cut-off for the evening.
- ▲ Congratulations on planning to do these two projects together, so you don’t have to tear up the streets twice.
- ▲ The property values along 5th Street, have they gone up? A – Some of the residents along there feel like it’s added value to their property.

- ▲ Will it add or eliminate stoplights? A – No, there will be an additional 4-way stop and 3-way stop signs.
- ▲ I like speed tables, they are very nice.
- ▲ What is the current volume on 13th Street? A – About 6,000-8,000 at Hardy.

Closing Comments

Kent Clayton thanked everyone for their time and participation, and told participants if they'd like to stay around to discuss any items with the City of contractor staff, they were welcome to do so. The meeting ended.